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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

4TH ORDINARY ELECTIONS TO THE GRAM PANCHAYATS, 2013 - SIDDIPET DISTRICT - RENDERING OF FINAL ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES - DISQUALIFICATION OF (983) DEFAULTED CANDIDATE OF WARD MEMBERS OF GRAM PANCHAYATS, WHO FAILED TO LODGE FINAL ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES.

DISQUALIFICATION ORDER FOR FAILURE TO LODGE FINAL ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF SMT. RAVULA KALPANA, DEFEATED CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF WARD MEMBER, 3RD WARD OF DEVAKKAAPALLI GRAM PANCHAYAT, BEJJANKI MANDAL IN SIDDIPET DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT) IN THE 4^{TH} ORDINARY ELECTIONS HELD IN 2013.

No.316/TSEC-PR-SDP/2017- (983).- WHEREAS, the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act 1994, mandates strict election expenditure monitoring regimen aimed at accountability and transparency. Election Expenditure ceilings are fixed so as to provide a level playing ground for all the contestants. Submission of election expenditure returns, their publication to elicit objections if any from other contestants and also people in general, serves as a barrier against abuse of money power in election process.

AND WHEREAS, the fourth ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats of Erstwhile Karimnagar District were conducted in three phases on 23.07.2013, 27.07.2013 and 31.07.2013 respectively and results were declared on the same day;

AND WHEREAS, under Section 230-A of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, every candidate at any election held under this Act shall, either by himself, or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure incurred in connection with the election, between the date on which the candidate concerned has been nominated and the date of declaration of the result of the election, both dates inclusive and the account of election expenses shall contain such particulars, as may by order, specified by the State Election Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission in its Order No.168/SEC-B1/2011, dated:18.05.2011 & 12.07.2013 prescribed the procedure and formats in which the accounts of election expenditure shall be maintained by the candidates.

AND WHEREAS, under Section 230-B of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and Rule 100(2) of TPR (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006, every contesting candidate at an election shall, within forty five days from the date of declaration of result of the election, lodge with the District Election Authority through the MPDO, an account of his election expenses, which shall be a true copy of the account kept by him, or by his election agent, under Section 230-A.

AND WHEREAS, the period of 45 days from the date of declaration of results of ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats of Erstwhile Karimnagar District in 1st, 2nd and 3rd phases has expired on 05.09.2013, 09.09.2013 & 13.09.2013 respectively;

AND WHEREAS, the Collector & District Election Authority, Karimnagar District vide Lr.No.A5/1176/2017-Pts, dt:30.05.2017 have submitted a report to the Commission stating that, (991) candidates i.e., (179) elected candidates of Ward Members, (105) defeated candidates of Sarpanchas and (707) defeated candidates of Ward Members of Siddipet District (Erstwhile Karimnagar District) has failed to lodge final accounts of election expenses within the stipulated period of 45 days from the date of declaration of results. **Smt. Ravula Kalapana**, Defeated for the office of **Ward Member**, **3**rd **ward** of **Devakkapalli** Gram Panchayat, **Bejjanki Mandal in Siddipet District (Erstwhile Karimnagar District)** is one amongst the defaulters.

AND WHEREAS, under rule 103 (4) of the said rules, the State Election Commission considered the same and under rule 103 (5) of TPR (Conduct of Election) Rules, 2006, the State Election Commission issued show cause notice vide No. 316/TSEC-PR-SDP/2017-(86), dt:06.06.2017 to **Smt. Ravula Kalapana**, Defeated Candidate for the office of **Ward Member**, **3**rd **ward** of **Devakkapalli** Gram Panchayat, **Bejjanki Mandal in Siddipet District** (**Erstwhile Karimnagar District**) who failed to lodge final accounts of election expenses within the stipulated time and in the manner required under the Act and the Rules calling upon her to show cause within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notice as to why she should not be disqualified under the provisions of Section 19-B of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 for her failure;

AND WHEREAS, the Collector & District Election Authority, Siddipet District vide Lr.No.408/2017/A1-pts, dt:28.10.2017 informed the Commission that, the above notice was served on dt: 05.07.2017 to Smt. Ravula Kalapana, Defeated Candidate for the office of Ward Member, 3rd ward of Devakkapalli Gram Panchayat, Bejjanki Mandal in Siddipet District (Erstwhile Karimnagar District) and she has failed to give any valid reply in response to the show-cause notice issued by the State Election Commission and requested to take necessary action as per rules.

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission is satisfied that Smt. Ravula Kalapana, Defeated Candidate for the office of Ward Member, 3rd ward of Devakkapalli Gram Panchayat, Bejjanki Mandal in Siddipet District (Erstwhile Karimnagar District) has failed to lodge the account of her expenses as required by law and has no good reason or justification for the said failure.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of Section 19-B of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and Rule 103 (8) of TPR (Conduct of Election) Rules, 2006, the State Election Commission hereby, declares that Smt. Ravula Kalapana, Defeated Candidate for the office of Ward Member, 3rd ward of Devakkapalli Gram Panchayat, Bejjanki Mandal in Siddipet District (Erstwhile Karimnagar District) to be ineligible for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of this order to contest any election to be held for any office under the provisions of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad, 02-01-2018.

M. ASHOK KUMAR, Secretary.

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